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Jefferson College will offer bachelor's degree in respiratory therapy

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Carilion Clinic-owned Jefferson College of Health Sciences has expanded its program offerings with the recent approval of a new respiratory therapy program.

The college was told by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that it can offer a four-year Bachelor of Science degree in respiratory therapy beginning in fall 2012.

The new baccalaureate program will run concurrently with the existing associate-level respiratory therapy program offered at the college. However, the plans are to eventually phase out the associate-level program.

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